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Railroad Museum Jazzes It Up With Music Aboard Trains & Free Admission to Sacramento Jazz Festival & Jubilee Badge Holders *Special Jazz-Related Activities Inside Railroad Museum -- May 27-30*

SACRAMENTO – Coinciding with the 38th Annual Sacramento Jazz Festival & Jubilee happening over Memorial Day weekend in Old Sacramento, the California State Railroad Museum will offer jazz musicians performing inside the Museum, aboard popular steam train excursion rides and even complimentary admission to event badge holders. With several music venues located in close proximity to the Railroad Museum and a special free Children's Stage and activity area just outside the Museum in the "1849 Scene," a visit to the Railroad Museum extends the weekend enjoyment for all ages.

Inside the Museum, jazz musicians are scheduled to perform Friday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Monday from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Museum guests will be treated to various banjo combinations and, on Sunday, a performance by the popular Blue Street Jazz Band. Guests who choose to take a lovely six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip excursion train ride along the levees of the Sacramento River will also be entertained on board by talented banjo performers from the Sacramento Banjo Band.

Steam-powered excursion train rides will be offered on Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the holiday weekend (May 28-30). Trains depart hourly from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento (located on Front Street between J and K Streets). The train features a combination of vintage closed coaches with comfortable seats, and open-air gondolas with bench style seating. Regular excursion train tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 youths (ages 6-17), ages 5 and under ride free. For passengers desiring a ride aboard the first-class car *El Dorado*--a beautifully restored 1920s lounge observation car which offers large picture windows, plush seating and air conditioning--tickets are \$15 per person. Interested guests may purchase train ride tickets in person the day of the train ride on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office located on Front Street between J and K Streets in Old Sacramento.

About the California State Railroad Museum

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Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org or call (916) 445-6645.

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